

Bay Delta Coordination Process

A subcommittee of CALFED met to consider the Category III CALFED relationship and determined that there is a need for better coordination of a number of habitat restoration efforts now in progress which address in some way the problems of the Bay Delta system. The needs for coordination fall into three areas:

- policy coordination,
- operations coordination,
- funding coordination.

While the immediate need for better coordination stems from Category III discussions, it was recognized that this need extends beyond Category III to include all efforts related to the Bay Delta system. The subcommittee discussed and developed a conceptual process for filling this need for better coordination. This conceptual process involves CALFED taking a more significant role in Category III and the coordination process. This more significant role is based on the assumption that some form of crediting is implemented. Crediting implies that those receiving credits for other activities are, in effect, spending a portion of the money for the CALFED long term solution.

The diagram below is a graphical depiction of this process:

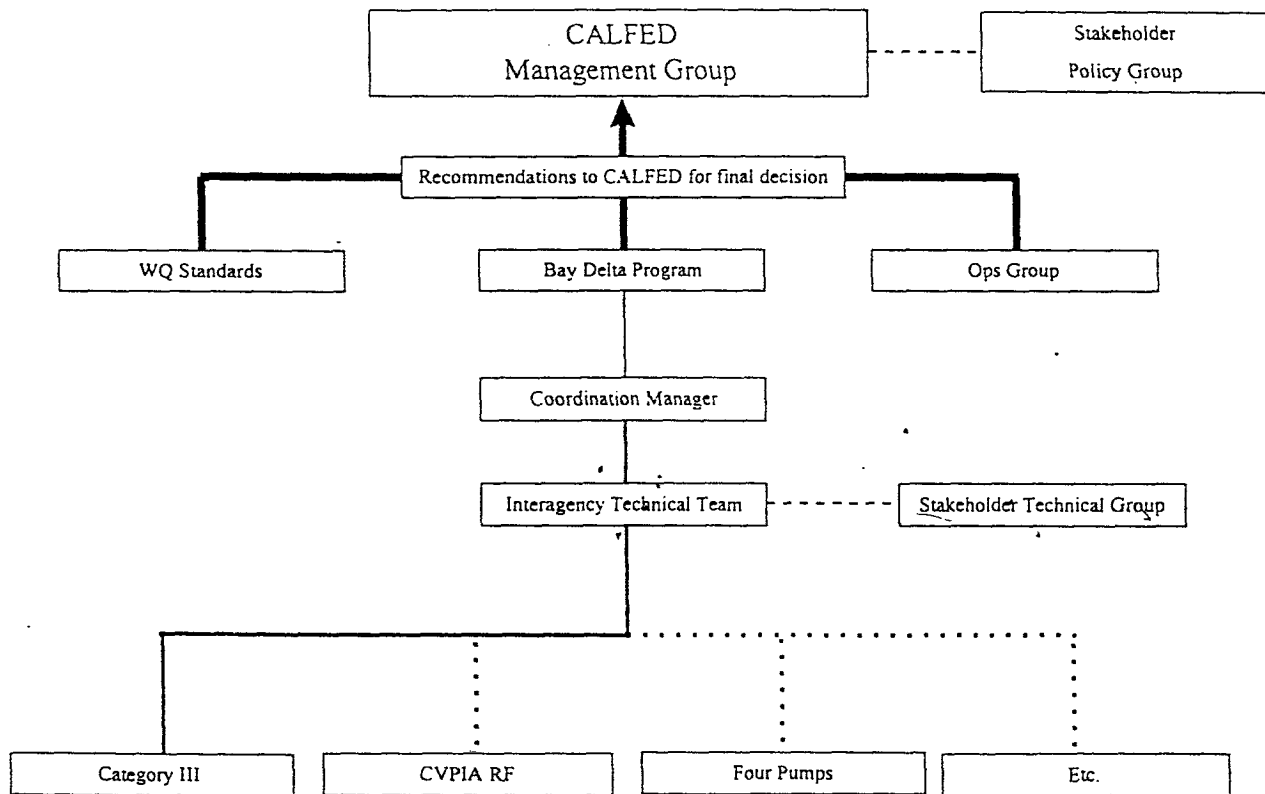


Figure 1.

A focal point of the process would be a designated Coordination Manager within the CALFED Bay Delta Program who would be responsible for directing the coordination process and eliciting the involvement of those needed to accomplish the coordinated effort. This manager would organize the efforts into a technical group composed of CALFED member agency staff with emphasis on representation from related programs. The Manager would also coordinate involvement of stakeholder technical experts.